AMENDMENTS TO THE ABSTRACT

Please substitute the following paragraph for the abstract now appearing in the currently

filed specification:

In anAn ink-jet printer system including includes an ink-jet printer and a multiple number

of host PCs, themachines. The ink-jet printer has a storage portion for holding the completion

time of the last printing operation while each host PC machine has a controller comprised

ofhaving an inactive time computing portion which computes the inactive time of printing

operation of the ink-jet printer. This is done by comparing the completion time of the last

printing operation held in the storage portion with the current time when a printing operation

starts and a recovery treatment controller for controlling the execution of a recovery treatment of

the ink-jet printer in accordance with the inactive time of ink-jet printer. This configuration

makes it possible to know the exact time when the ink jet printer was used last and hence the

exact inactive time, whereby it is possible to maintain the ink jet printer with the least number of

recovery treatments and hence reduce the time required for the recovery treatments and

consumption of ink.